



DIVERSION / DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: May 8, 2008

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MEMBERS PRESENT: LaFrancine Tate, President
Grace Corse, Chair
Andrea Dutton, Med, ARRT
Nancy Beecham, RNC, BS, FADONA \ LTC

STAFF PRESENT: Heidi Goodman, Assistant Executive Officer
Louise Bailey, RN, NEC Supervisor
Carol Stanford, Diversion & Probation Program Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Virginia Matthews, Maximus

The Acting Chair, Andrea Dutton called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

1.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Approve/Not Approve: Minutes of March 20, 2008

M/S/C: LaFrancine Tate / Andrea Dutton approved the minutes as submitted.

2.0 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

2.1 Information Only: Enforcement Program Update and Statistics

Attached are the Enforcement Program Statistics for July 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Statistics

It is important to note that the statistics provided at the last Board meeting showed that 758 cases were pending at the Attorney General's (AG) office; however, further review indicates there were only 611 cases pending as of February 29, 2008. Currently there are only 604 cases pending at the AGs office as of March 31st.

Projections indicate that 58.5% of all disciplinary matters will be settled by stipulated agreement. Additionally, projections reveal that only 10% of disciplinary matters will go through an administrative hearing this fiscal year.

Program Update

On May 19th, Stacie Berumen will rejoin the Board as the Enforcement Program Manager. She left the Enforcement Program one year ago to become the Licensing Program Manager for the Medical Board of California. Welcome back, Stacie.

3.0 DIVERSION/PROBATION PROGRAMS

3.1 Information Only: Diversion Program Update and Statistics

Program Update

The Diversion Program Manager and Virginia Matthews, Maximus Program Director, gave a presentation to the nurse leaders at the Kindred Hospital in Folsom, California on March 27, 2008. The presentation was well received and the staff provided positive feedback at its conclusion.

Contract Update

The seven Boards met and finalized a new RFP that was released on March 12th. It is anticipated that the new intent to award will be posted on or about May 10, 2008. It is anticipated that a new contract will be in place by June 30, 2008. Maximus Program Director, Virginia Matthews, gave a program overview.

Diversion Evaluation Committees (DEC)

There are currently six vacancies as follows: five physicians, and one registered nurse. Recruitment efforts continue.

Statistics

Attached is the Monthly Statistical Summary Report for February and March 2008. As of March 31, 2008 there were 1,300 successful completions in the Diversion Program.

3.2 Diversion Evaluation Committee Members

(a) Information Only: Diversion Evaluation Committee

Member Resignation

In accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 2770.2, the Board of Registered Nursing is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the Diversion Evaluation Committees (DEC). Each DEC is composed of three registered nurses, a physician and a public member with expertise in chemical dependency and/or mental health.

RESIGNATION

Below is the name of the Diversion Evaluation Committee member who has resigned for personal reasons. His efforts were recognized and a certificate and letter of appreciation, on behalf of the Board, has been mailed out.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>NO</u>
Robert Watrous	Physician	Ontario	9

3 OPEN FORUM

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Approved: La Francine Kati